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DRAFT U.S. /JOINT/ STATEMENT ON THE MEANING OF
"SPECIAL" IN ARTICLE 10 (3)

Both sides have expressed the similar thought that each party undertakes not to use concealment measures which impede verification of this agreement by national technical means. We interpret the meaning of the term "special" in paragraph 3 of Article 10 as providing clarification that concealment measures prohibited by the agreement are those actions which are not normal or not usual with respect to established practice. In this manner the term "special" serves to provide a clarification similar to that provided by the last sentence of paragraph 3.